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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION AND AMENDMENT

Asst. Commissioner for Patents United States Patent and Trademark Office Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated December 11, 2001, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the rejections and the entry of this Amendment. This Amendment is accompanied by a Petition for Extension of Time, Request for Continued Examination, Formal Drawings and Declaration under 37 C.F.R. 1.132 and the required fees.

Please amend the above-referenced application as follows: